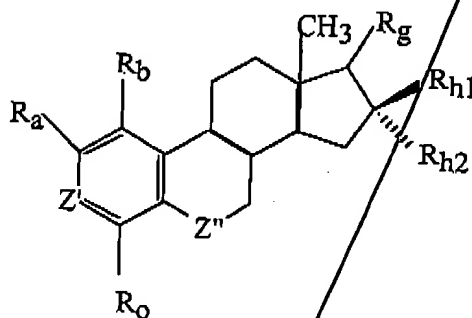


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Please rewrite the Claims 1 and 11 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) A compound of the general formula:



wherein:

- a)  $R_b$  and  $R_o$  are independently -H, -Cl, -Br, -I, -F, -CN, lower alkyl, -OH, -CH<sub>2</sub>-OH, -NH<sub>2</sub>; or N( $R_6$ )( $R_7$ ), wherein  $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are independently hydrogen or an alkyl or branched alkyl with up to 6 carbons;
- b)  $R_a$  is -N<sub>3</sub>, -C≡N, -C≡C-R, -CH=CH-R, -R-CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, -C≡CH, -O-R, -R-R<sub>1</sub>, -OC(O)CH<sub>3</sub>, -C(O)H, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NMe<sub>2</sub>, -NHMe, or -O-R-R<sub>1</sub> where R is a straight or branched alkyl with up to 10 carbons or aralkyl, and  $R_1$  is -OH, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -Cl, -Br, -I, -F or CF<sub>3</sub>;
- c)  $Z'$  is >CH, >COH, or >C-R<sub>2</sub>-OH, where  $R_2$  is an alkyl or branched alkyl with up to 10 carbons or aralkyl;
- d) >C-R<sub>g</sub> is >C(H)-OH;
- e)  $R_{h1}$  and  $R_{h2}$  are independently H, or a straight or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl with up to 5 carbons that is unsubstituted, or substituted with one or more groups

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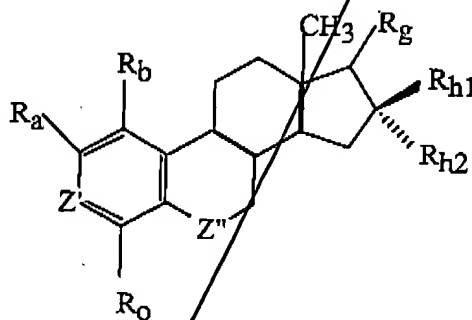
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selected from a hetero functionality (O-Y, N-Y<sub>2</sub> or S-Y) where Y is independently selected from H, Me or an alkyl chain up to 6 carbons; a halo functionality (F, Cl, Br or I); an aromatic group optionally substituted with hetero, halo or alkyl; or R<sub>h1</sub> and R<sub>h2</sub> are independently an aromatic group optionally substituted with hetero, halo or alkyl, provided that both R<sub>h1</sub> and R<sub>h2</sub> are not H;

f) Z'' is >CH<sub>2</sub>, >C=O, >C(H)-OH, >C=N-OR<sub>5</sub>, >C(H)-C≡N, or >C(H)-NR<sub>5</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, wherein each R<sub>5</sub> is independently hydrogen, an alkyl or branched alkyl with up to 10 carbons or aralkyl;

and wherein all monosubstituted substituents have either an α or β configuration.

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11. (Amended)

A compound of the general formula:



wherein:

R<sub>a</sub> is -N<sub>3</sub>, -C≡N, -C≡C-R, -CH=CH-R, -R-CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, -C≡CH,

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-O-R, -R-R<sub>1</sub>, -OC(O)CH<sub>3</sub>, -C(O)H, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NMe<sub>2</sub>, -NHMe, or -O-R-R<sub>1</sub> where R is a straight or branched alkyl with up to 10 carbons or aralkyl, and R<sub>1</sub> is -OH, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -Cl, -Br, -I, -F or CF<sub>3</sub>; with the proviso that R<sub>a</sub> is not OMe;

R<sub>b</sub> and R<sub>0</sub> are H,

Z' is >C-OH,

>C-R<sub>g</sub> is >C(H)OH,

R<sub>h1</sub> and R<sub>h2</sub> are independently H, or a straight or branched chain alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl with up to 6 carbons that is unsubstituted, or substituted with one or more groups selected from a hetero functionality (O-Y, N-Y<sub>2</sub> or S-Y) where Y is independently selected from H, Me or an alkyl chain up to 6 carbons; a halo functionality (F, Cl, Br or I); an aromatic group optionally substituted with hetero, halo or alkyl; or R<sub>h1</sub> and R<sub>h2</sub> are independently an aromatic group optionally substituted with hetero, halo or alkyl, provided that both R<sub>h1</sub> and R<sub>h2</sub> are not H; and

Z'' is >CH<sub>2</sub>,

and wherein all monosubstituted substituents have either an  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  configuration.

#### REMARKS

Applicants' representatives thank Examiner Qazi for the telephonic inquiry on September 23, 2002 in the above-referenced application, and have entered the above amendments in reply thereto.

Claims 1-9 and 11-30 are currently pending and are under examination in the present application. By this Amendment, Claims 1 and 11 are amended and Claims 23-30 are